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A New Generation of Filmmakers Goes Public UWinnipeg Announces Second Annual Student Film Festival

WINNIPEG – Manitoba's student filmmakers will have a chance to strut their stuff at The University of Winnipeg's Second Annual Student Film Festival, sponsored by UWinnipeg's Department of Theatre and Drama. The public is invited to this **FREE** event for screenings, a public forum, a film presentation, and Q&A with **Guy Maddin '78**, and a chance to be the first to see works by hot new filmmakers.

After the great success of last year's First Annual University of Winnipeg Student Film Festival, this year's event has been expanded to include post-secondary students from throughout Manitoba. More than 30 filmmakers will compete for awards in the categories of Best Screenplay, Best Cinematography, Best Editing, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director, and Best Film. The Awards Jury will be comprised of **Dave Barber** (Winnipeg Film Group's Cinematheque programmer), **Liz Jarvis** (Buffalo Gals Pictures), and **Brendon Sawatzky** (National Screen Institute). Audience members will have their say as they vote for Audience Favourite at the Thursday and Friday night screenings.

- Screenings will take place:
Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30 from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Public Forum: "Tales from the Trenches: Guerilla Filmmaking in Winnipeg (Tips, Tricks, and Techniques)"
Saturday, May 1 from 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Panelists: local filmmakers **Jeff Erbach**, **Danishka Esterhazy '95**, **Sean Garrity**, and **Noam Gonick '89**
Moderator: **Shereen Jerrett Collegiate '81** (UWinnipeg Department of Theatre and Drama/UManitoba Film Studies Program)

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- Gala Evening: Special Guest, Awards Ceremony, Screening, and Closing Reception
Saturday, May 1 at 7 p.m.
Special Guest **Guy Maddin** will be on hand to show his new film, *Cowards Bend the Knee*, and do a Q&A; take in the Awards Presentation and Screening of the Festival's award-winning films; and stay for the closing reception.

All events will take place at The University of Winnipeg in **Eckhardt Gramatté Hall** (3rd Floor, Centennial Hall). Admission is **FREE** and **all are welcome to attend**.

The Department of Theatre and Drama at The University of Winnipeg offers programs in Acting, Design, Drama in Education, Filmmaking, Playwriting, and Production/Stage Management. Our classes are small, our programs are practical, and our faculty is comprised of highly respected and award-winning professionals who are experienced teachers and remain active in their disciplines, bringing relevant and up-to-date instruction to our students.

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